

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen

Height - Typically 15 ½ to 18 inches

General Appearance- the GBGV is a medium sized, well balanced, strongly built scenthound. Well boned w/o exaggeration. Distinguishing features: Rough coat, noble head possessing beard, mustache and protective long eyebrows. Any feature detracting from function is a serious fault.

Size, Proportion, Substance- *Proportion* longer than tall measured from point of shoulder to point of buttocks. Never square nor long and low. *Substance* in balance with whole. Strongly built, firmly muscled without exaggeration. Never clumsy.

Head- Carried proudly. *Skull*, not wide or heavy; *muzzle* slightly longer than skull. *Stop* clearly defined. Bridge over nose slightly romanesque and in profile finishes squarely. *Eyes* – large, dark oval. *Ears* long, supple, narrow, and fine; set on low draping to a corkscrew when relaxed. Covered with long hair and leathers reach at least to the end of nose. *Nose* large, protruding with open nostrils. Bite scissors, level tolerated. Underjaw strong, well-developed.

Body- Well developed sturdy and broad with deep chest and prominent sternum. Longer than tall. *Topline* level withers to rump, with a slight rise over a well -muscled loin. Belly never tucked up. *Tail* set on high, thick at base, reaches to hock. Well furnished with hair and carried proudly, curved, but never over the back. *Feet* large oval and tight.

Coat- Harsh, straight with undercoat. Not too long, fringing not too abundant.

Color- Tri color: white with any other colors. Bi color: white with any other color. Black and Tan. Solid color not allowed.

Gait- Clean, balanced, free and easy at all speeds. Convergence with increased speed.

Temperament Friendly, happy, outgoing, independent not easily agitated.

DISQUALIFICATION: Solid color

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